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#### CIVIL COVER SHEET

APPENDIX H

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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#### APPENDIX N

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Plaintiff's Attorney (Name and Address) Christopher P. Gerber, Esq. 941 Pottstown Pike, Suite 200 Chester Springs, PA 19425	
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## SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

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(i) As to who may serve a summons see Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA -- DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 155 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, PA 19094 19013 One Fourth Street, Chester, 19013 One Fourth Street, Chester, Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? Ves No X (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a))  $N_0 \overline{X}$ Yes Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Date Terminated: Case Number: \_\_\_\_ Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes NoX 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated Yes No X action in this court? 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously Yes No X term insted action in this court? CIVIL: (Place / in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) B. Diversity Aurisdiction Cases: A. Federal Question Cases; 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts 2. Airplane Personal Injury 2 D FELA 3. Assault, Defamation 3. Dones Act-Personal Injury 4. Marine Personal Injury 4. Antitrust 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 5 D Patent 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify) 6. Labor-Management Relations 7. Products Liability 7 XX Civil Rights 8. Products Liability - Asbestos 8. Habeas Corpus 9. All other Diversity Cases 9. D Securities Act(s) Cases (Please specify) 10. D Social Security Review Cases 11. All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check appropriate Category) , counsel of record do hereby certify: Christopher P. Gerber Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; Relief other than monetary damages is sough Attorney-at-Law NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. 8-10-05

APPENDIX I

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SIMON AOUAD

CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff

No.

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CITY OF CHESTER PENNSYLVANIA AND RONALD LEWANDOWSKI

Defendants

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

#### **COMPLAINT**

1. This is an action to redress the deprivation of rights secured by 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 28 U.S.C. § 1343.
- 3. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), because Defendants reside here and because the claim arose in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiff, Simon Aouad, is an adult individual who resides in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.
- 5. Defendant, City of Chester, is a municipality and political subdivision whose offices are located at 1 Fourth Street, Chester, PA 19013.
- 6. Defendant, Ronald Lewandowski, is an adult individual and was, at all relevant times, employed as a police officer by Defendant City of Chester.

7. Defendants were, at all relevant times, acting under color of state law.

#### **FACTS**

- 8. On July 22, 2002, Plaintiff was hired by the City of Chester to serve as a full-time police officer.
- 9. Plaintiff is a Lebanese-American.
- 10. At all relevant times, Defendants were aware of the Plaintiff's ethnic background.
- 11. At all relevant times, Plaintiff satisfactorily performed his duties as a police officer.
- 12. During the summer of 2003, Plaintiff suffered from several instances of racially charged and unwarranted harassment by his superior officer, Defendant Major Ronald Lewandowski.
- 13. For instance, Defendant Lewandowski called the Plaintiff derogatory names, such as a "sand nigger" and "daddy's boy" while on duty.
- 14. Defendant Lewandowski also made other racially charged comments directed at the Plaintiff such as, "you eat watermelon just like them," insinuating that the Plaintiff ate like African-Americans.
- 15. Defendant Lewandowski also imposed unwarranted and unequal discipline upon the Plaintiff on the basis of Plaintiff's ethnic background.
- 16. The foregoing conduct of Defendant Lewandowski made it difficult for Plaintiff to perform his duties as a police officer.
- In response to the foregoing conduct, Plaintiff complained to Councilman Monir Z.
   Ahmed during the summer of 2003.
- 18. Councilman Ahmed acknowledged the complaint and instructed Plaintiff to keep a log of his issues with Defendant Lewandowski.

- 19. Despite Plaintiff's complaint to Councilman Ahmed, no action was taken by the City to investigate Plaintiff's complaint of wrongdoing concerning Defendant Lewandowski.
- 20. During the summer of 2003, Plaintiff also complained of the harassment by Defendant Lewandowski to Major Lewis, who, in turn, told the Plaintiff to inform Police Commissioner, John Finnegan.
- Despite the complaint to Major Lewis, the City failed to take any action to address Plaintiff's complaint of harassment.
- 22. At the suggestion of Major Lewis, Plaintiff sent a letter to Commissioner Finnegan, on or about August 20, 2003, wherein Plaintiff complained of Defendant Lewandowski's behavior and requested the Commissioner's assistance.
- 23. Commissioner Finnegan never responded to Plaintiff's letter, and the City failed to take any action whatsoever concerning the foregoing complaints.
- On August 27, 2003 Plaintiff was terminated from his position, just a week after he had filed his written complaint about Defendant Lewandowski.
- 25. At the time of Plaintiff's termination, Plaintiff had received only one written reprimand concerning a uniform infraction.
- 26. Plaintiff's termination was in retaliation for his complaints of harassment and racial discrimination committed by Defendant Lewandowski.

#### COUNT I

# SIMON AOUAD v. CITY OF CHESTER AND RONALD LEWANDOWSKI VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983 - FIRST AMENDMENT RETALIATION

- 27. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1-26 as though the same were set forth herein at length.
- 28. Plaintiff enjoys First Amendment protection to speak on matters of public concern without fear of retaliation by his employer.
- 29. By complaining about the foregoing harassment committed by Defendant Lewandowski,
  Plaintiff engaged in activity protected by the First Amendment.
- 30. An employee's grievance about discrimination on the job constitutes a matter of public concern.
- 31. The unwarranted reprimands, harassment and termination of the Plaintiff constitutes unlawful retaliation in violation of his First Amendment rights.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court to:

- A. Award Plaintiff compensatory damages against Defendant City of Chester and Defendant Lewandowski for: humiliation and embarrassment, pain and suffering, past economic loss, future economic loss, loss of reputation, as well as for other benefits and other damages;
- B. Award Plaintiff punitive damages against Defendant Lewandowski;
- C. Award reasonable costs and attorney fees;
- D. Grant any other relief that this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

#### **COUNT II**

# SIMON AOUAD v. CITY OF CHESTER AND RONALD LEWANDOWSKI VIOLATIONS OF 42 U.S.C. § 1981

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1-31 as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 33. Protection against racial discrimination pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1981 extends to persons of Lebanese descent.
- 34. As a Lebanese-American, Plaintiff is entitled to protection under Section 1981.
- 35. The foregoing misconduct constitutes a violation of Section 1981, which conduct includes, but is not limited to, the harassment exhibited by Defendant Lewandowski, the City's failure or refusal to investigate or otherwise address Plaintiff's complaint and the retaliatory discharge from his position following his complaint.

#### WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court to:

- A. Award Plaintiff compensatory damages against the City and Defendant Lewandowski for: humiliation and embarrassment, pain and suffering, past economic loss, future economic loss, loss of reputation, as well as for other benefits and other damages;
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- C. Award reasonable costs and attorney fees;
- D. Grant any other relief that this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

#### **COUNT III**

## SIMON AOUAD v. CITY OF CHESTER AND RONALD LEWANDOWSKI VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983 - EQUAL PROTECTION

- 36. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1-35 as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 37. As a Lebanese-American, Plaintiff is a member of a protected class.
- 38. Defendant City of Chester and Defendant Lewandowski, acting under color of state law, intentionally treated similarly-situated officers who were not members of Plaintiff's protected class differently, to Plaintiff's detriment and without any rational basis.
- 39. Defendant City of Chester and Defendant Lewandowski purposefully discriminated against Plaintiff because of his race.
- 40. Plaintiff was unlawfully subjected to unwarranted, excessive and unequal discipline in violation of equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment.

### WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court to:

- A. Award Plaintiff compensatory damages against the City and Defendant Lewandowski for: humiliation and embarrassment, pain and suffering, past economic loss, future economic loss, loss of reputation, as well as for other benefits and other damages;
- B. Award Plaintiff punitive damages against Defendant Lewandowski;
- C. Award reasonable costs and attorney fees;
- D. Grant any other relief that this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

#### COUNT IV

## SIMON AOUAD v. CITY OF CHESTER AND RONALD LEWANDOWSKI VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983 – MONELL CLAIM

- 41. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-40 as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 42. Defendant City of Chester and its council members have, as a matter of policy, practice and custom, failed to properly train, supervise, and/or discipline Defendant Lewandowski with respect to his unlawful and discriminatory conduct.
- 43. Defendant City of Chester had actual or constructive knowledge of the foregoing unlawful harassment and employment decisions set forth in this Complaint.
- 44. The unlawful conduct of Defendant Lewandowski was apparent to any reasonable official or supervisor of the City of Chester based upon the current state of the law.
- 46. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned municipal policy, custom and/or practice, Plaintiff was subjected to discriminatory and unlawful conduct as described herein.
- 46. The above-referenced Constitutional violations would not have occurred had Defendant City of Chester properly trained, supervised, and/or disciplined Defendant Lewandowski.
- 47. Defendant City of Chester maintained inadequate policies and procedures to guard against Defendant Lewandowski's conduct, which, as a result, either directly or by disparate impact, failed to prevent the harm inflicted upon Plaintiff by Defendants.

  WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court to:

- A. Award Plaintiff compensatory damages against the City and Defendant Lewandowski for: humiliation and embarrassment, pain and suffering, past economic loss, future economic loss, loss of reputation, as well as for other benefits and other damages;
- B. Award Plaintiff punitive damages against Defendant Lewandowski;
- C. Award reasonable costs and attorney fees;
- D. Grant any other relief that this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

#### JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiff, Simon Aouad, respectfully requests a trial by jury.

SIANA, BELLWOAR & MCANDREW, LLP

By:

Christopher . Gerber, Esquire, I.D. # 76449

941 Pottstown Pike, Suite 200 Chester Springs, PA 19425

Attorney for the Plaintiff

Date: August 10, 2005